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Student Awards Convocation **Wednesday, May 29**
10-11 a.m., 1st Congregational Church

Loan Consolidation Seminar **Thursday, June 6**
12-1 p.m., Payton 101

• GOTCHA •



Pasadena M.Div. student Steve Ralph and Colorado extension MAT student Mandy Bennett enjoy the California sunshine while discussing Solid Grounds Coffeehouse, a new ministry in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Mandy is here for the two-week intensive on Folk Islam.

**"Service is the rent we
pay for living."
— Marian Wright Edelman —**



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Extracurricular Activity

A Report by Deborah Rogers



According to Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Abernethy, being involved in community service is "growth enhancing, refreshing, and an opportunity to enrich and infuse spiritual life into an organization." Liza Miranda-Hurtado, administrative assistant for Hispanic Church Studies, says that her ecumenical involvement outside of Fuller and her church community has enriched her personal spirituality and ministry. For SOT alums Scott Engmann and Laurel Lichty-Engmann, combining personal fitness and passion for community development is not only personally rewarding but fulfills their ministerial calling as well. Although their roles at Fuller differ, the above individuals have this in common: they have all found the blessings of service with causes, activities and organizations outside of Fuller in spite of the demands to their responsibilities within the Fuller community.

During the lecture by Dr. Barbara Wilcotts as part of the Spring Arts Festival, an exciting thing happened. Members of Imani Graduate Students of African Descent were able to connect with members of the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. around the future possibility of partnership between the two organizations and the Pasadena Police Department to assist an existing tutoring program for Pasadena school students. Dr. Alexis Abernethy, a member of the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in addition to being an SOP professor, was a key to facilitating this connection, along with Dr. Eric Pearman.

Dr. Abernethy's involvement in Pasadena Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta is focused in three areas: she serves as chaplain for her chapter, and she is a member of both the scholarship and social action committees. Successful fundraisers have included the Pasadena Awards Cotillion and a theatre party at the Pasadena Playhouse. The Scholarship Committee is responsible for awarding scholarships to deserving high school students in the Pasadena community. The Social Action committee has been involved

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in stimulating community interest in voter participation. This committee also has promoted an HIV/AIDS program at Metropolitan Baptist Church.

But why would someone who is a psychology professor and an active member of Faithful Central Bible Church want to be involved with another organization? Because of her mother's membership in the same organization and her exposure to sororities during her undergraduate years at Howard University, Dr. Abernethy was already aware of Delta Sigma Theta before coming to Pasadena.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded in 1913 at the historically Black Howard University with the aim to "promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need." Currently, the organization's programs are summarized into a five-point program encompassing physical and mental health, educational development, economic development, international awareness and involvement, and political awareness and involvement. After relocating to Pasadena, Dr. Abernethy had a desire to be involved in the community apart from her local church—in particular, she was interested in partnering with other African-American women involved in the Pasadena community. Dr. Abernethy's service with Pasadena Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta has afforded her this opportunity.

As part of the organizing team for *Come to the Feast*, **Liza Miranda-Hurtado**

uses her gifts, talents, and passion, including a M.A. degree in music. *Come to the Feast* is an ecumenical event focusing on Young Adult ministry—the good, the bad and the ugly. In other words, the event explores both the presence of ministry to Young Adults and the lack of such ministry in many congregations.

Liza became involved with *Come to the Feast* through her denomination, Disciples of Christ. While working in the denominational headquarters with the youth ministry, Liza had the opportunity to attend the *Come to the Feast* in 2000 (it is held bi-annually) and was very impressed with its ecumenical nature, the attention, concern and empowerment focused on young adults and the ministries addressing their needs. When an invitation was given for constituents (denomination representatives) to join the planning committee, Liza volunteered even though she was preparing to graduate from seminary and return home to Puerto Rico. Her hope is that through *Come to the Feast* there will be heightened awareness for young adult ministry and that those who are out there doing this type of ministry will feel empowered and supported in their endeavors.

Liza's team is involved in planning every aspect of worship and the worship services of the event: procuring worship leaders, finding speakers, creating a multi-cultural worship experience, finding musicians, etc. For Liza, this is an invigorating and rewarding experience of "being able to get the different talents of different people together in a way that can be expressive and bring glory to God and to value the talents that are bringing glory to God." She has also gained an appreciation

"...community service is 'growth enhancing, refreshing, and an opportunity to enrich and infuse spiritual life into an organization.'"

of how others relate to God and the opportunity to fellowship with and learn about and from other believers—in spite of differences. Such a coming together of the body of Christ, says Liza, is challenging but is the most rewarding part of her work with *Come to the Feast*. "It is a humble reminder that God speaks and moves in ways beyond those which are familiar to me and those in my denomination. That's what I've gained from being 'at the table.'"

In the case of **Scott Engmann and Laurel Lichty-Engmann**, they love to run. They are also passionate about justice and community empowerment on both local and systemic levels. They recently had an opportunity to combine these passions by running in the London marathon held this year on April 14.

The London Marathon is the largest fund-raising event in the United Kingdom with approximately 95% of the 25,000 participants running to raise money for various causes such as OASIS, a London-based international ministry which ministers to youth in urban centers by partnering with and empowering existing ministries through networking, funding, human resources, job training and economic development. As the ministry has expanded to other countries, its focus has shifted with the context it finds itself in while addressing the need for jobs and, in many cases, housing. For example in Babel, India, the ministry focuses on social entrepreneurship. Currently, the ministry is looking to expand to Los Angeles and adjunct SWM assistant professor Shelly Trebesch is coordinating this effort. Before leaving to run the marathon, Laurel and Scott had already raised \$1500 towards their goal of \$3000 for Oasis.

SOT student Deborah Rogers is graduating in June with her MAT. During her time here she has tried to balance school, ministry and other activities—sometimes successfully, sometimes unsuccessfully. She hopes to continue to work on finding balance as she journeys into ministry beyond Fuller.



Wed., May 29 **Student Awards**

Thurs., May 30 **Jim Furrow**
Assistant Professor of Marital and Family Therapy

Wed., June 5 **Archibald D. Hart**
Dean Emeritus and Professor of Psychology

Thurs., June 6 **Walt Wright**
Executive Director of the De Pree Leadership Center

More Resources

Interested in finding your niche outside of Fuller? Here's some information on a few activities and organizations you might be interested in:

- Come to the Feast, May 24-27
www.cometothefeast.org
- Oasis International
www.oasisint.org
- Tutoring at Pasadena Church of God
(626) 794-2951

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Did You See The Sign?

A Testimonial by Julia Wong



It was Memorial Weekend, 1995. My friends and I were coming back from camping at Joshua Tree National Park (about a one-hour drive from Fuller). We had taken with us some international students and exchange scholars. It was ministry with a lot of fun. Since we had to return a car in Pasadena, so we took the 210. I think it might have been my first time on that freeway, since I never came to this part of town. Going westbound in traffic, I saw the sign, "Fuller Seminary, next exit." And I knew that was for me.

That weekend had been very memorable. Friday afternoon, when I rushed home to get my bags and a quick bite, the mail slowed me down. I had been waiting for a letter, although I wasn't sure if I really wanted to know the answer. Holding the thin envelope in the elevator, I already knew what the words would be. I have received more than twenty of these letters, always in a small envelope, always starting with "I regret to inform you that..."

After reading the letter, I laid it out on my bed and knelt down, much like Hezekiah with that threatening letter from the Assyrians. But the prayer had to be short; people were waiting for me. On the way to Joshua Tree, thanks to heavy traffic, I had a lot of time to think in the back seat. I desperately wanted to be alone. People in the car were trying to make conversation, so I closed my eyes as if to take a nap. When we arrived, it was already dark.

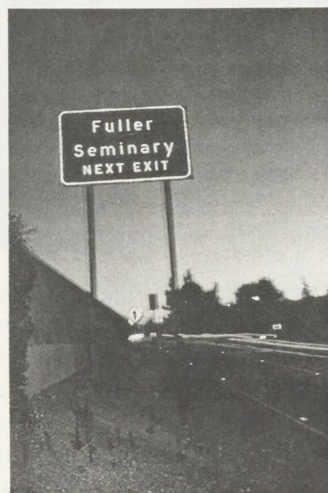


Photo taken by Don Milici.

A friend, who had gotten a job in Albuquerque after college, came back for the weekend to join us. Actually, we were borrowing his camping equipment and his family's four-wheel drive. It was a good time catching up while we put up the tents with flashlights. He turned out to be the first person I broke the news to, in the company of friends who had been praying for me regarding graduate school. I told him about the letter, that this was the last school to reject me. Since I had tried the same schools the year before, I had decided that graduate school was no longer an option for me. My friend asked what I was going to do next. I didn't know. His response stuck with me for a long time. "God

always takes care of his children." It helps to have godly friends.

The next morning, I woke up early, even though it was never my habit of doing so. I went off a short distance from the campsite. Solitude was still what I needed. I sat down by a bush and read the Bible—and God's comfort came through the Psalms. *What about my future, Lord?* From where I sat, I saw a jack rabbit and some quail, and I knew that God was taking care of them. "I will take care of you." I felt so much peace. But I didn't know God's answer would come so soon. On the way back on Monday, that was when I saw the sign.

It wasn't that I was crazy about the ocean. It just felt like the logical next step. Everybody was talking about graduate school at the end of college, and I had to choose something. Years later, I was studying a map of an area of the world that holds my heart, while planning a survey trip to determine long-term possibilities. Suddenly it dawned on me: the ocean was nowhere near! Had my initial plans for graduate school succeeded, what would I have done with an advanced degree in physical oceanography in a landlocked country?! I just sat back and laughed at this realization. God knew what he was doing when he stopped me. At the human level, none of us likes it when a door slams in the face, especially when it's something we've been working on for a long time. But when I look back at the events in my life, it is easy to see God at work. If I hadn't stayed in L.A., I wouldn't have come to Fuller (although I did delay it a few more years). The signs are there all along, if we only have new eyes to see it.

Julia Wong will finish her MAICS this summer. When she started, a 4-unit class cost \$600. She wants to finish before tuition jumps again. Anyone interested in a same-day trip to Joshua Tree National Park? Email her at juliawww@fuller.edu.

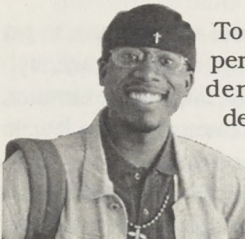


VOICES

Question of the Week:

When a non-White person is said to "act White," what does that mean to you?

Lambers B. Fisher, Jr.
SOP, MFT



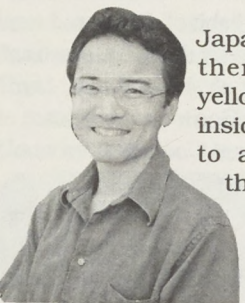
To me, it's when a person is willing to deny and even denounce one's own cultural heritage for the sake of achievement in, and in a desperate attempt to fit into, the mainstream European-American culture.

Lily Want
SWM, MAICS



It means that they accept the Western culture, that they are Westernized. For instance, we can say it's like contextualization. As someone once said, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

Motohiko Tasaka
SOT, M.Div.



Japanese people call them "bananas"—yellow outside, white inside. Japanese tend to act more White than other Asians. We tend to lose our identity. We're still Japanese but, to avoid conflict and discrimination, we become White.

Rosario Menjivar
SOP faculty secretary



I don't think people "act White." I believe that everyone has their own personality and because of cultural diversity we differ from one another.

The Little White Lie

A Perspective by Kemi Ingram



I have found myself grappling recently with the perceived notion of "whiteness" in American society. It often seems as though all things "noble, lovely and praiseworthy" are assigned to a concocted category called "white culture." The most common manifestation of the aforementioned phenomena is a mislabeling of the "colored" ethnic. The eloquent Asian, the articulate African and the achievement-oriented Latino are often seen as possessing white cultural traits.

I was remarkably offended one day when a well-meaning Euro-American friend offered what she undoubtedly thought was a compliment. "Kemi," she said to me with a smile, "You know.... you act more white than you do black." I don't think that she was quite prepared for my reaction. I was deeply offended. The offense did not result from a negative association with "whiteness" per se, but from something far more egregious. To her, my level of education was indicative of "white" influence. My ability to verbally express myself was also associated with "whiteness." So were my entrepreneurial aspirations, my appreciation of classical music and my love of non-fiction books. In defining these things as "white," my friend was able to clearly communicate to me, her definition of what it meant to be "black." It was that definition which engendered a less than favorable response.

When success, family values, intellectual curiosity and accomplishment are conveniently placed in a category called "white culture," the resulting default traits to be associated with people of color are nothing short of grotesque stereotypes. For to be black, then, one must be ignorant, inarticulate, content with mediocrity, poor, disenfranchised, victimized or angry. Such a definition only aids in perpetuating unconscious racist behavior. It allows us to fail in our formulation of a positive African-American identity. It hinders our belief that success, intelligence and accomplishment do indeed run in our race. It forces us to remove all that is "good" from one ethnic group and assign it to another. *Quel dommage* [French for "What a pity"]!

Frederick Douglass will forever be known as one of the greatest orators in history. He was indeed a man of color. Marian Anderson, Kathleen Battle, Jessye Norman and Leontyne Price, all divas in the wonderful world of opera have blessed us in English, French, Italian and Spanish. They are all women of color. Earl Graves, publisher of Black Enterprise Magazine, has raised an educated family, contributed to the economy through entrepreneurship and encouraged social responsibility. He's black too. So is Cornel West, a notable intellectual who continues to master the art of rhetoric and social commentary.

How then do we arrive at a definition of "blackness" which excludes such greatness? The answer is quite simple: The process of "exceptionalization." Those who possess these so-called "white" traits are seen as exceptions to the rule. For in our mind the stereotype represents truth. It has been said that one could meet 1,000 people who don't fit a long held stereotype. Instead of changing one's definition of the truth, those 1,000 deviations would be relegated to the category of "exception." The changing of such ingrained beliefs requires the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. We cannot, however remain content with the status quo. The way in which we view others and ourselves can have a profound impact on our ministries.

In working with inner-city communities, I cannot afford to perpetuate a myth which says, "getting good grades, abstaining from pre-marital sex, appreciating fine art and striving to be the best you can be is akin to 'acting white.'" To do so, would be to perpetuate both a restrictive and damaging self-image.



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The Ragpicker

An Invitation by Christopher Boghosian

"This chest is loaded with treasures that are utterly rare and priceless, and yet, it's free for Fuller students."

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There is an immense treasure chest right next door to Fuller and too many students are not even aware of it. If you think I'm talking about McCormick & Schmick's happy hour, guess again. This chest is loaded with treasures that are utterly rare and priceless, and yet, it's free for Fuller students.

The treasure I'm speaking of is the Norton Simon museum. It is filled with paintings by masters like Rembrandt, Van Gogh, and even Rafael. It's incredible when you think about it. You can literally walk to the Norton Simon from Fuller and get in absolutely free with a student ID card; however, too many students either don't know about this treasure or don't take advantage of it. This is disappointing, since I'm convinced that every student needs to go at least once and here's an example why.

The other day at the Norton Simon, I found myself standing before "The Ragpicker" by Edouard Manet. It was very uncomfortable to sit there and look at the old man in the painting, because we all know it's rude to stare, especially at people like him who are obviously poor and broken. However, I eventually realized that I only had a hard time staring at his eyes, everything else, like his shoes, hat, and legs were easy. Why? I asked myself. Why was it so hard to look into his eyes? Every time I did, my own eyes shifted left and right, like a game of tug-of-war. Nevertheless, I managed to muster up some courage and I did it. I stared straight into his eyes.

On the surface, they seemed insignificant and weak. It didn't seem as though Manet had spent much time on his eyes; they were two simple black dots. Then, why was it so hard for me to look at them? What was the big deal? After awhile, I came to realize that the big deal was the depth of the old man's eyes; they were absolutely real. Though they simply stare off into space, they are grounded in something, something profound. But what? The heap of trash at his feet? Clearly not that. There's nothing salvageable there and there's nothing around him: he's simply floating in space.

After some struggling, it became



Manet was a prolific artist who painted between 1854 and 1882. "The Ragpicker" (above) and many of his other paintings can be found at www.mystudios.com/manet/paint.html.

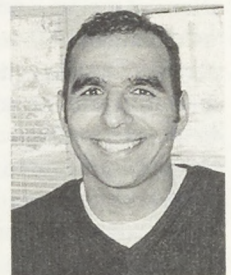
clear to me. He was looking at something even a blind man can see: his past. The old man, standing right before me was reflecting back on his life and he didn't seem happy.

That's why it was so hard for me to look into his eyes, because I did not want to see what he was seeing. Even more

significant, I did not want to know what it would be like to look back at my life in deep hurt and regret. I wasn't avoiding his eyes for the sake of etiquette, I was avoiding them for the sake of comfort. Manet held a mirror up for me that day and I saw myself in the future and I did not like what I saw. I realized that when I too am an old man I do not want to look back and feel only deep hurt and regret. I want to look back with thanksgiving and peace. I want to be a different man than the one in the painting and I thank God I still have a chance.

So, I encourage you all to go and take a look into the treasure chest which is called the Norton Simon museum. You never know what you'll find, but I can guarantee you one thing, you'll get a lot more than what you paid for.

Christopher J. Boghosian believes everyone has artistic ability if only they would give heed to it. Christopher is finishing up his second year in the M.Div. program. He can be emailed at christo@fuller.edu. You can also get more information about the museum at www.nortonsimon.org or call (626) 449-6840.



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"How then," you ask, "can we participate in what God is doing with regard to race relations and multiculturalism?" We can all start by abolishing the farce of "white culture." For there is no "white culture." There is an Irish-American culture, a German-American culture, an Appalachian culture, a Polish-American culture, etc. These types of culture groupings allow us to experience and develop an appreciation for unique art, food, values and traditions. They are indeed distinct and interesting. They have validity and history. When we acknowledge this, we come to understand that our cultures, though different in many ways do indeed have shared values. We also

come to realize that there is greatness to be appreciated in every culture.

SOT student Kemi Ingram was asked to write this article after she spoke as a student panelist at a cultural sensitivity forum, in which she took part to discuss the multifaceted ethnic experience. She is finishing up her first year in the M.Div. program. Comments can be sent to KTeaparty1@aol.com.





Authority by Position or Function?

A Perspective by Matt Westbrook

I see something dangerous in the pastorate today. Something I find few people paying attention to. Even those who *do* pay attention to it provide good alternatives but often fail (in my opinion) to grasp the danger of the situation and the urgency of the needed change.

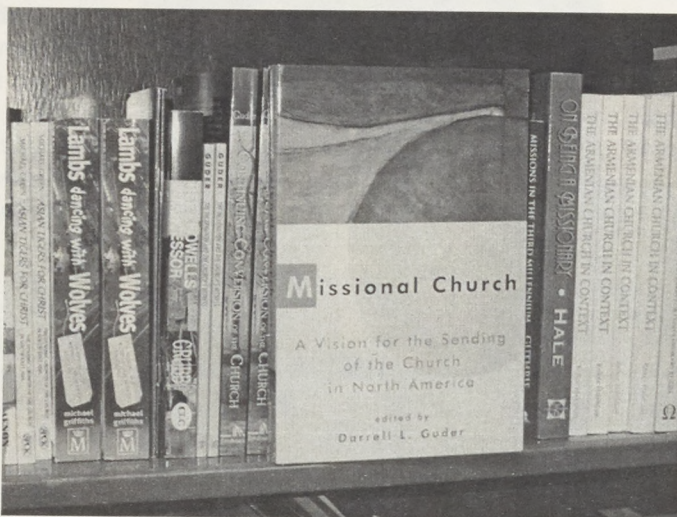
So what is it?

The authority of the pastor. It's dangerous. It's being used as a weapon. You or someone you know, as a possible minister-in-training, may be taking assumptions about the nature of the pastorate and blindly applying them to your conscious or subconscious picture of what your ministry will be. Let's take a candid look.

Have you ever wondered why pastors go to the back of the church immediately after the service and shake hands with the "parishioners"? (I hate that word!) Why do parishioners feel the necessity to have a staff minister or senior pastor pray for them—depending on the severity of the sickness!—as opposed to their Christian neighbor? Does your pastor sit at the front of the church on Sunday mornings, either on the stage or in the front row, with almost a force field around him/her? (You can tell because few, if any, lay people sit next to him.) Do you unconsciously consider your pastor the head of the church? (Who did Paul say the head was?)

These are symptoms of something very dangerous in today's church: a messy authority structure that isn't just flat wrong biblically, but is often *abusive*. I know this is a strong word, but there are victims to this system. The authority of the pastorate, when exercised from an organizational chart, office, or position will produce unhealthy churches.

Come on. You have heard plenty of stories that make this obvious! The pastor who counsels a young woman and eventually succumbs to temptation and abuses her sexually. A controlling pastor who strangles the life out of staff members



Described by Dr. Wilbert Shenk as "a pioneering initiative," *Missional Church* is the result of a three-year research project addressing the question, "What would a theology of the church look like that took seriously the fact that North America is now itself a mission field?"

or runs out with some of God's money. These make headlines, but even pastors who don't go to these extremes but operate from this position will produce unhealthy results, and people will still be hurt.

From my study of the scriptures, discussions in classes, and a life that has been spent picking up the pieces of these situations, I believe the church needs a reformation. The days of the pastor-as-emperor/king are over. Your church will have a cap at reaching post-modern people if you operate from this unhealth, and you will repulse at least twice as many people as you reach, potentially permanently.

The pastorate, instead of using authority from an office or position, should instead receive authority based on *function* and because the pastor *earns* such authority every day. The pastor should see him/herself as part of the body. SOP professor Dr. Siang-Yang Tan once said, and I paraphrase, "Jesus did not call you to 'servant-leadership.' He called you to be a *servant*. If leadership results, all the better. You be a servant."

Leaders who operate under the old Christendom model are difficult to approach, give only token attention to new ideas from others, are often hurt and threaten to quit when things don't go their way, and get something deep in their person

(ego) fed by this role (an unhealthy situation), often at the expense of others. Pastors deserve our respect, *if they serve well*.

Jesus showed us clearly that those who operated from a position of authority against the people ("experts in the law") and who used that authority to oppress them were to be called out. We think that passages like Mark 2:23-28 (Jesus' plucking grain on the Sabbath) are about "law versus grace"! Clearly there is more there and Jesus confronting of the authorities on other occasions often wasn't very nice. He knew the damage that people experienced, the unchecked sin running rampant against His people. Jesus' was passionate about protecting the sheep, and I think we ought to be as well. Jesus knew that these structures kept people from

entering the kingdom of God. Have we put any thought into it?

And it isn't just the individuals who serve as pastors who need to be challenged. We need to challenge the structures that often are directly responsible for producing these results. We need to reorganize the church. Read Darrell Guder's *Missional Church* as a good starting point. In it you will find the history of the development of the current structures of the church and the pastorate, and exciting ways to make changes from a broad-based ecumenical perspective. You won't be disappointed after having read it. In fact, Dr. Richard Peace even told us in class recently that he thought the book should be required reading at Fuller!

God bless the church.

SOT student Matt Westbrook knows that even a small rudder turned the Titanic, and he has hope for change. He would love to tell you over coffee about the many experiences on this issue he has had that aren't included here. Feel free to contact him at matt@fuller.edu.





Reflections from a 10-Year Student

A Reflection by Sandra Giet

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I finished my last class winter quarter. I took my first class at Fuller in the fall of 1992. A lot has changed in my life in the ten years I spent here. Why did it take me ten years to get a Master of Divinity? I wasn't in a hurry, obviously. I know most people don't have the opportunity to take their time here, but I'm really glad I did. For me, Fuller wasn't about the degree, it was a journey, which I'm sorry is ending.

At the beginning it may have been about a degree, but I realized along the way, it's not just about the knowledge I was gaining—the systematic theology, church history, biblical languages and ministry classes. God has been doing something deeper and far more important than creating a storehouse of knowledge and giving me a bag of tools of the trade. My years here have been about the shaping of my character, and that takes time. (I guess more time for some than others.) I have been stretched in every way. My faith has been challenged and discipline tested. I have discovered an inner strength I never knew I had. I have become a person who perseveres.

I want to leave you with a few words of advice and encouragement. Time goes by very



Sandra (far left) really enjoyed getting to know and spending time with her Foundations of Ministry small group.

quickly here. I can't imagine how quickly for a three-year student. Make memories. Take the time to make friendships. I'll always remember the people who touched my life along the way: professors, students, friends I've made who will now always be part of my life. It's some of the small things that I will never forget; attending chapel, visiting with John and Anne Goldingay after class, spending the weekend at the lake with my GM500 Foundations small group, breakfasts at Marston's.

Don't rush the process; enjoy the journey as much as possible. Take any class by Julie Gorman. Visit your professors during

their office hours, just to chat. Don't stress about that one class that is full or won't fit into your schedule. It always seems to work out exactly how God plans. Don't worry about your grades. (Honestly, I still haven't mastered this myself. I wish I had.) Unless you are planning on an advanced degree, no one is going to look at your grades, but you. In the scope of eternity, a B or a B- isn't going to mean much. Do your best with the time that you have and leave the rest to God.

Some things, I admit, I won't miss: trying to find a parking place,

anxiously awaiting the posting of the next Course Schedule, commuting an hour each way in traffic, the pressure of always having another assignment due, and the dreaded question "When are you going to graduate?"

I want to thank the Fuller community. You have left an indelible mark on my life. Fuller has been instrumental in helping me to fulfill my dreams. I've been in full-time ministry for six years now. I love it. So much of my ministry has been influenced by the classes I have taken and the assignments I have done here. Most of all, my view of ministry has become less about what I can do for God and more about who I am becoming in Him. I have heard the statistics that only one out of twenty seminarians retire as a pastor. I have seen fellow pastors and students fall away. I'm learning that it is those who develop character that finish well and that is my ultimate goal.

I've fulfilled one goal—graduating right under the 10-year deadline and I even graduated "early." Reluctantly, I have to say goodbye for now. I'm wondering, though, into how many years will they let me stretch a D.Min.?

Sandra Giet is an associate pastor at Hope Chapel, Hermosa Beach. This summer she is going to India to train local pastors. Sandra will be ordained in October by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. She can be reached at SandraGiet@yahoo.com.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor and Staff,

A comment on the SEMI for May 13-17, 2002. I happened to see it when recently on campus and noticed the leading article, "On Being a Disabled Student." I want to congratulate you on publishing writing from two disabled students with the courage to share their stories. I don't think of them as "inspiring," rather as more testimonies of the honesty and humanity of Christians experiencing life with disability.

I'm also glad Kathryn Snyder's essay included some specific pointers for the Fuller community in how to treat others with a disability. Perhaps it is a keen reminder up close of how discussion about "diversity" catches up with us on campus. I mean that it is important to realize the value of disabled persons as human beings in God's image and as fellow members of Christ's body. With her, I hope that more disabled students will come to the campus and find hospitality. That is, I believe, high on God's priority list.

Sincerely,

Henry Broadbent, M.A., M.Div., Class of 2000

(A survivor of chronic illness, involved in education of administration and faculty over disability issues and policy recommendations during degree programs.)



Snapshots

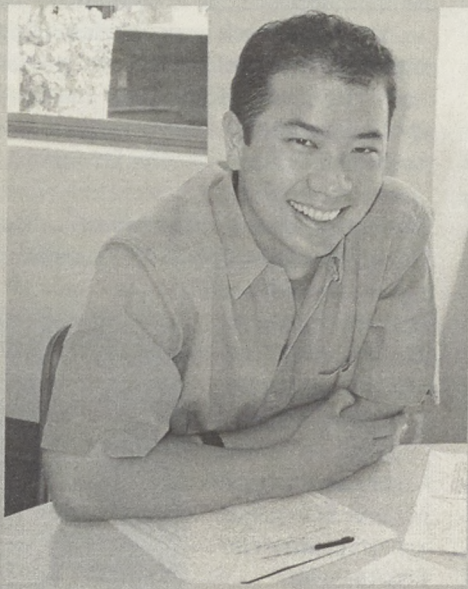
Campus Happenings



Out in the Community

All day long, on Saturday, May 11, members of our community got together to serve our neighbors within the greater Pasadena community surrounding our campus by working with two non-profit organizations, Harambee Center and Door of Hope. Through this effort coordinated by the ASC, we are enacting our vision to involve ourselves with our neighbors, and reach out to our local area. Some of the activities we got involved with included painting fences, serving a mother-daughter tea, and having a nice BBQ lunch. Thank you to all who gave of their time and energy to this worthwhile event! Photos by Paul Van der Werf, collage by Matt Cromwell.

Go, Preachers, Go!



Congratulations to this year's two Parish Pulpit Fellowship Award recipients, Jennifer Kemp and Gabe Fung. The award enables each recipient to study and travel abroad for a year. According to Jennifer, "the purpose of the award is to better train and equip students to be pastors in the church. For me, it's to combine study with contextualized ministry." She is planning on going to South Africa and possibly Australia as well. Already used to living in many countries and cultures thanks to his upbringing, Gabe will be returning to England, the country in which he was born, to study. Our prayers and best wishes go to the both of you.

• CAMPUS EVENTS •

Petition for Peace

Tuesday–Thursday, May 28–30
11 a.m.–1 p.m., the Garth

Tell Representative Adam Schiff that you want peace in Israel/Palestine. The PJCC will be in the Garth to sign two petitions, one from Churches for Middle East Peace, and one from the Pasadena Area Coalition for a Just Palestinian-Israeli Peace. For more info visit www.pasadenajustpeace.org, www.cmep.org, or email the PJCC at asc-pjcc@dept.fuller.edu.

Student Awards Convocation

Wednesday, May 29
10–11 a.m., 1st Congregational Church

The time to honor our students with awards has arrived! The Student Awards Convocation will be held at the First Congregational Church during the chapel hour. Take the time to congratulate the award recipients personally at the reception to be held at the Arol Burns Mall immediately following the ceremony.

Loan Consolidation Seminar

Thursday, June 6 from
12–1 p.m., Payton 101

Since interest rates will be dropping soon, this is a good time to explore the opportunity to save money on loan repayment through consolidation. Mike Walker from SallieMae will be joining us.

School of Theology Graduation Banquet

Thursday, June 13
7 p.m., Castle Green–Romanesque Room

This year's Banquet theme is *Milestones*. The TGU would like pictures of your stay here at Fuller for a special video presentation. Bring your pictures to Jessica Creech's office (near the ATC office). Submit your photos in a sealed envelope with your name and phone number and "TGU Banquet" clearly marked on the outside.

SWM Graduation Banquet

Thursday, June 13
6:30–9 p.m., Brookside Country Club

This year's theme is "Celebrating God's Faithfulness." Free for SWM graduates. Tickets for spouses, guests of graduates, SWM faculty, students, and

staff are \$20. Tickets now on sale. Child care available for a limited number of children at \$3/child, ages 3–10 years old. Contact Debbie Hannaford in the SWM Dean's Office at swm@fuller.edu or 584-5265.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Worship Choir

Be a part of our "Worship Choir" for chapel on Thursday, May 30 in Travis Auditorium. Please arrive by 8 a.m. for rehearsal. Bring a willing heart and loud voice. For more info, email brushstroke@greenheart.com.

Insurance Deadline

The deadline for registering or canceling health or dental insurance for Summer 2002 is June 28th. Contact the Student Insurance Office at 584-5438 for applications or more details.

Hospital Internship

Chaplain Carmen Blair, M.Div., is offering a hospital internship at Queen of Angels Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center during the Summer 2002 quarter. This is a 2-unit FE 546 course emphasizing spiritual care, training, and includes work in intensive care, emergency, oncology, and general medical. Contact Chaplain Blair at (323) 913-4863 or Gary Purtee at 584-5377.

Hospice Internship

Chaplain Nada Sellers, M.Div., is offering a hospice internship with Heartland Hospice Services of West Covina, during the Summer 2002 quarter. This is a 2-unit Field Education course. The internship emphasizes spiritual care in the end of life, and involves work with patients and caregivers in homes and skilled nursing settings. Call Nada Sellers at (877) 918-7128 or Gary Purtee at 584-5377.

• POSITIONS AVAILABLE •

Executive Associate Pastor

The National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. is seeking candidates for the position of Executive Associate Pastor (EAP). The EAP, reporting to the senior pastor, working with church staff and leadership, will focus on imple-

menting National's strategic plan to expand significantly the church's ministry of grace in worship, nurture, congregational care, and outreach. Minimum six years of pastoral experience demonstrating administrative leadership and staff management. M.Div., doctorate desirable. For further information, contact Paul K. Martin at (202) 616-0643 or at skaplan@natpresch.org.

Coordinator—Career Resource Center

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• FINANCIAL AID •

Fukushima Memorial Scholarship

Deadline May 31. Must be seeking to further the development of Christian ministries. Applications available in the Office of Financial Aid.

Nu'uano Congregational Church Scholarship

Deadline May 31. Applicant must be affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need. Applications available in the Office of Financial Aid.

Other Scholarship Opportunities

Available on-line: www.finaid.org, www.collegeboard.org, www.collegenet.com, www.collegequest.com, www.collegescholarships.com.

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Send Resume to
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Los Angeles, CA 90024

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You **MUST** bring a copy of your schedule (that will be kept) and your student I.D. (or other photo I.D.) to the Bookstore to receive your coursepacks. No coursepacks will be issued without these items. Self-registering students may print their schedules from Campus Pipeline.

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In Remembrance

All of us at the **SEMI** remember those who have lost their lives during wartimes. We pray that war will be no more and peace "will come like an everflowing stream."